

# Alabama Junior and Community College Association

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## **ajcca** newsletter

### AJCCA EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO GOVERNOR WALLACE

In early January, Sandra King and Shirley Woodie, president and vice-president of the AJCCA, presented to Governor George C. Wallace a Certificate of Appreciation for the leadership he provided in the establishment of the junior college system in Alabama. Appreciation was expressed for Governor Wallace's foresight in 1963 when he stood firm for the establishment of a state system of junior colleges in the face of formidable opposition, including the most extensive filibuster in the history of the state. In presenting the certificate on behalf of the total membership of the AJCCA, Shirley emphasized the fact that Governor Wallace made higher education truly accessible to every person in Alabama, and that because of this fact, history will surely accord him a central leadership position in the development of education in Alabama.

Shirley Woodie and Sandra King  
present an appreciation certificate  
to Governor George C. Wallace.





## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

### GREETINGS:

As you are all probably well aware by now, we have just completed the first Special Session under our new Governor, Fob James. During this session Governor James asked us to move the Regular Session to April 17, 1979, in order to give him more time to work on the budgets. However, Governor James asked that the Legislature return on February 13 to begin another Special Session which would deal with the rewriting of the Constitution of the State of Alabama. This will probably be the first major test to show what kind of strength we will have for education during the next four years. Although most of us agree that the Constitution should be updated, there will be some very sticky items which Governor James has asked for - one being the unearmarking of funds.

There are several new faces in the Legislature. I am pleased to say that among these are four junior college employees. These people will certainly be an asset to us in our effort to obtain proper funding for the junior colleges.

I am looking forward to working with our association members. Please feel free to call on me at any time.

Sincerely,

*Joe M. Ford*

# From the President...

In February, I spent a great deal of time writing a message from the president telling you about the great things planned for the 1979 AJCCA Convention and encouraging you to attend. Before we could get the January/February issue of the Newsletter printed proration became a reality. I spent many hours on the telephone talking to people about the effect proration would have on our convention. Ninety percent of those persons contacted were of the opinion that we could not expect a two-day convention to be well attended because of the lack of institutional travel funds. Your Executive Committee met on February 16 and after a long, serious discussion, voted to cancel the 1979 convention scheduled in Birmingham.

To insure continuity within the Association, a one-day drive-in conference will be held on Friday, April 27 in Montgomery at Alabama Christian College. The morning schedule will include a general session with the keynote address to be delivered by Dr. Arthur Combs and a business session. Following lunch in the Alabama Christian College cafeteria, the commissions will meet. Outstanding speakers have been secured for these sessions. Dr. Erskine Murray, Director, Division of Postsecondary Education, State Department of Education, will speak to college administrators on the topic, "Problems Facing Junior Colleges/Planning for the Future." Faculty members will hear Dr. Paul Williams, Vice-president/Dean of Instruction, Cuyamaca Community College, El Cajon, California. Dr. James Kern, Winona State University, will address the Commission on Students on the topic, "Upset: We Can Help." Supportive Personnel will hear Dr. James J. Thompson, Chairman and Professor, Department of Educational Media, University of South Alabama, discuss the topic, "Nonverbal Communication." Following the commission programs, commission chairmen and vice-chairmen for 1979-80 will be elected. The afternoon schedule will also allow for the election of Interest Groups chairmen.

For those of you who would like to come to Montgomery on Thursday evening, April 26, a PROGRAM SHOWCASE/Hospitality Hour is planned at the Holiday Inn East (located on Eastern By-Pass/I-85, near Alabama Christian College) 7:30 P.M. to provide information about a number of interesting programs in Alabama junior colleges.

I, personally, and as president of the Alabama Junior and Community College Association, earnestly seek your support of an abbreviated state meeting for our association this year. The Alabama Junior and Community College Association is a good thing going for us! Let's keep it alive! Come to Alabama Christian College on April 27! (Pre-registration form is located elsewhere in this issue.) I know that the majority of our members will have to pay their own expenses for the conference, but the cost will be relatively small for the interesting and timely programs planned for the professional development of AJCCA members.

An important item on the conference agenda is the election of officers, namely, a vice-president/president elect and a treasurer. The Nominating Committee will present two nominees for each office. Additional nominations may be made from the convention floor. Please plan to be present at the Business Session to vote for the candidates of your choice.

In November, Les Sims, immediate past president of the Association, and I, representing AJCCA, appeared before the committee evaluating the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. On January



9, Shirley Woodie, vice-president/president-elect, and I met with Governor George C. Wallace for the purpose of presenting to him, on behalf of the Association, a certificate of appreciation for his leadership in establishing and supporting the junior college system in Alabama. In presenting the certificate to Governor Wallace, Shirley, in a prepared statement, thanked the Governor for his foresight in 1963 when he stood firm for the establishment of a state system of junior colleges in the face of formidable opposition, including the most extensive filibuster in the history of the state. Shirley further stated that because Governor Wallace made higher education truly accessible to every person in Alabama, members of this association feel that history will accord him a central leadership position in the development of education in Alabama.

The records of the Association are in the process of being organized and will be delivered to Alabama Christian College for storage in the next few weeks. Plans are underway for television appearances by members of the Executive Committee for the purpose of promoting Alabama junior colleges. Radio and newspaper publicity is also planned.

Elected and appointed officers, commission chairmen/vice-chairman, and Interest Group chairmen have worked hard for the past few months to serve AJCCA. If you have suggestions/recommendations that will help us serve you, the members, better, please let us hear from you. We look forward to your continued support and will see you in MONTGOMERY ON APRIL 27!

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## AJCCA CONFERENCE

*Friday, April 27*

9:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

ALABAMA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

*(See conference schedule on page five.)*

Sandra King, President  
A.J.C.C.A.  
Lurleen B. Wallace State Jr. College

Shirley Woodie, Vice President/  
President Elect  
Enterprise State Junior College

Lloyd Henderson, Secretary  
Lurleen B. Wallace State Jr. College

B. Gene Burton, Treasurer  
Faulkner State Junior College

Robert E. Blackwelder, Parliamentarian  
Wallace State Community College/Hanceville

Les Sims, Immediate Past President  
Jefferson State Junior College

Curtis Thomasson, Publications Editor  
Lurleen B. Wallace State Jr. College

Charles Blackledge, Chairman  
Commission on Administration  
Bishop State Junior College

Joe Talmadge, Vice Chairman  
Commission on Administration  
Enterprise State Junior College

Dowartha Davis, Chairman  
Commission on Faculty  
Bishop State Junior College

Gary Wolfskill, Vice Chairman  
Commission on Faculty  
Northwest State Junior College

Debra Beverly, Chairman  
Commission on Students  
Gadsden State Junior College

Earlene Von der Osten, Vice Chairman  
Commission on Students  
Snead State Junior College

Polly Wages, Chairman  
Commission on Supportive Personnel  
Lurleen B. Wallace State Jr. College

Teresa Moncrief, Vice Chairman  
Commission on Supportive Personnel  
Alexander City State Junior College

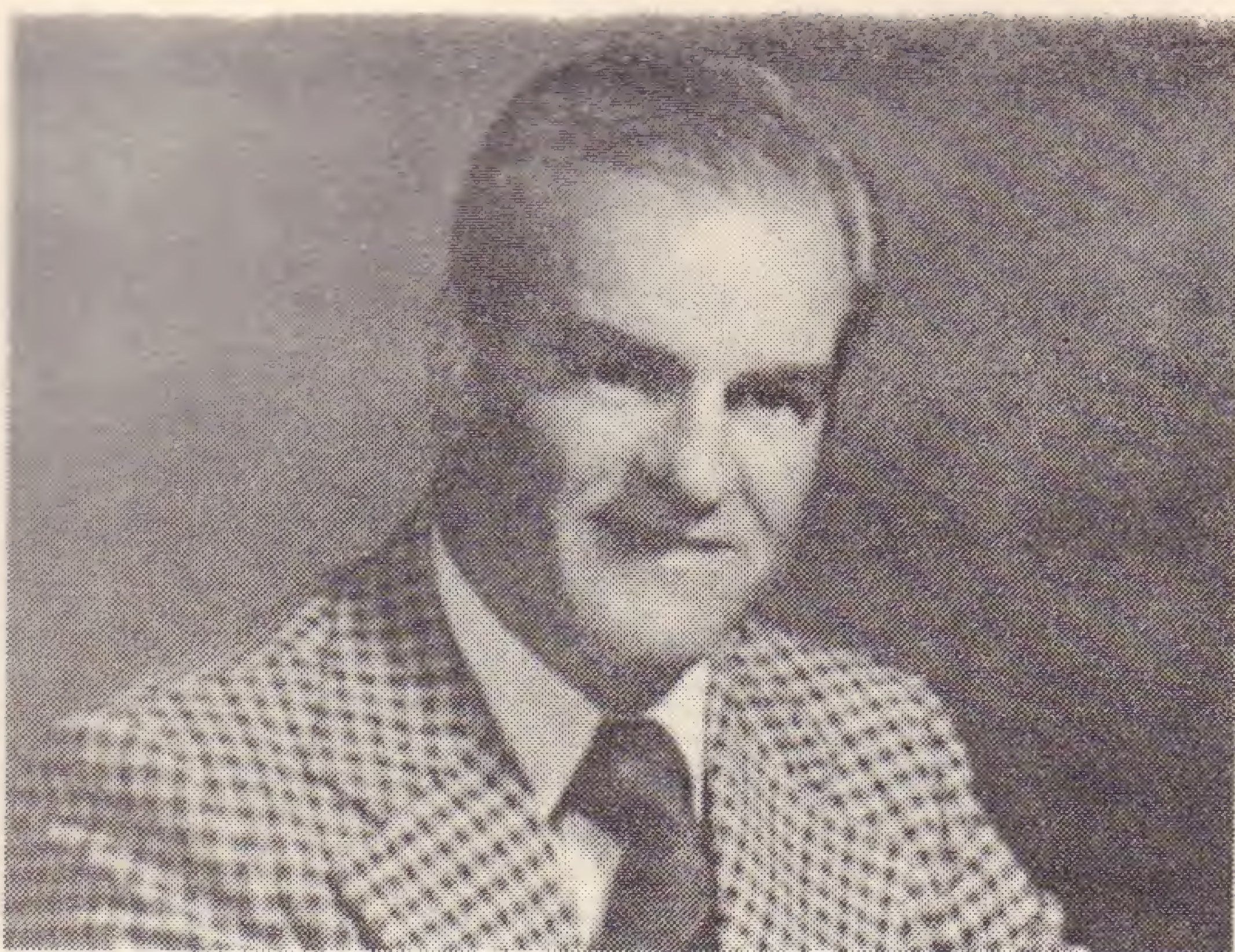
Joe Ford, Chairman  
Committee on Legislative Affairs  
Gadsden State Junior College

Patricia McLaney, Representative  
State Department of Education

William O. Blow, Representative  
Alabama Commission on Higher Education

William H. McWhorter, President  
Presidents' Council





LES SIMS  
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Les has served as Business Manager/Treasurer or Dean of Business Affairs at Jefferson State Junior College since its beginning in 1965. His background includes industrial and educational employment. Les served as a member of the Association Executive Committee in 1976-77, was elected to the position of Vice-President/President Elect for 1977-78 but assumed the presidency of the Association upon the resignation of Harry Moore. He is currently serving on the Executive Committee as Immediate Past-President.

Les is an Alabamian by birth, a Texan by indoctrination and a pilot by desire. In addition to his many campus and civic activities, he serves as Sponsor to the Jefferson State Parachute Club.

Les is married and has two sons, one a dentist and one a physician. His wife, Dottie, is employed as secretary to the President at Jefferson State.

The Vice Chairman of the Commission on Administration is Joe Talmadge, Academic Dean at Enterprise State Junior College. He is a native of Greenville, Alabama, and attended Vanderbilt University, where he received his B.A. in history in 1958 and his M.A. in history in 1959. He earned his doctorate at Auburn University in 1976.

Dr. Talmadge has been Academic Dean at Enterprise State since its founding in 1965. He is currently a member of the Commission of Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the Standards and Reports Committee for Institutions at Level I. He has served on numerous college accrediting teams throughout the South.

For the past two years, Dr. Talmadge has been a member of the committee appointed to review and audit the fiscal records of the Alabama Junior and Community College Association.

He is married to the former Phyllis Wilkes, and they have three children, Vicki (15), Keith (11), and Dan (6).

JOSEPH D. TALMADGE  
COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION



## COLLEGES ADMINISTER GED TESTS

The Alabama GED, General Educational Development, Testing Program has undergone a tremendous growth. In 1978, 14,336 adults earned a high school equivalency through GED. The GED Testing Program is operated through the GED Testing Service of the American Council on Education and the State Department of Education.

National norms for the GED test are established every four years at the twelfth grade level. The norms are established by high school seniors who will be graduating during the quarter the test is administered. A total of 32 percent of the seniors participating in the norming failed the test.

The test contains five batteries measuring competencies in writing skills, social studies, science, reading skills, and mathematics. Once the students have met requirements for testing and have passed each of the five batteries, they are issued a High School Equivalency Certificate by the State Department of Education. This certificate allows them to continue their education in a postsecondary and/or higher education institution, enter the military service, get a job, or get a job promotion.

In 1978, 18,375 adults took the test for the first time. The national average for persons passing the test was 67.9 percent, whereas Alabama's average was 80.9 percent. Mrs. Hazel Ripple, National GED Administrator, Washington, D.C., said one of the major reasons for Alabama's average being so high is that the adult education classes operating in this state are of an outstanding quality. The Adult Education Program also had a record number of adults, over 42,000, enrolled in their ABE and GED preparatory classes.

According to a 1970 census, there are 1,325,000 adults, twenty-five years of age or older, who do not have a high school diploma or equivalency in our state--about 52 percent of the population. There were 14,419 students who dropped out of elementary, junior and senior high schools during the school year of 1977-78, so we are not even keeping up with the dropout rate.

There are fifty (50) official GED testing centers in Alabama. Eighty-four percent of the testing centers are in postsecondary and higher education institutions. If you have any questions concerning GED, please feel free to write or call Mr. Bobby B. Dees, State Administrator of GED, State Department of Education, 817 South Court Street, Suite 204, Montgomery, Alabama 36104 - phone: 832-6863.



# 1979 AJCCA CONFERENCE

Thursday, April 26, 1979

7:30 P.M.-10 P.M.  
Holiday Inn East

PROGRAM SHOWCASE/Hospitality Hour

Friday, April 27, 1979

9 A.M.-11 A.M.  
Rotunda Lobby

REGISTRATION/COFFEE

9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.  
Rotunda Auditorium

ENTERTAINMENT: Lighthouse, Alabama Christian College,  
Ken Johnson, director

## OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Presider: Sandra King, President, Alabama Junior  
and Community College Association, Lurleen B. Wallace  
State Junior College

Speaker: Dr. Arthur W. Combs, Distinguished Professor,  
University of Northern Colorado, and Consultant in  
Education and Psychology

## BUSINESS SESSION

- Election of 1979-80 officers
- President's Report
- Other business
- Announcements
- Drawing for Door Prizes

12:30 P.M.-1:30 P.M.

LUNCH (Alabama Christian College Cafeteria)

1:30 P.M.-3 P.M.

## COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

Presider: Charles H. Blackledge, S. D. Bishop State  
Junior College

Speaker: Dr. Erskine Murray, Director, Division of  
Postsecondary Education, Alabama Department of Education

Topic: "Problems Facing Alabama Junior Colleges/  
Planning for the Future"

## Election of Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman

1:30 P.M.-3 P.M.

## COMMISSION ON STUDENTS

Presider: Deborah Beverly, Gadsden State Junior College

Speaker: Dr. James Kern, Winona State University,  
Winona, Minnesota

Topic: "Upset: We Can Help"

## Election of Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman

1:30 P.M.-3 P.M.

## Commission on Faculty

Presider: Dowartha Davis, S. D. Bishop State Junior  
College

Speaker: Dr. Paul Williams, Vice-president/Dean of  
Instruction, Cuyamaca Community College, El Cajon,  
California

## Election of Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman

1:30 P.M.-3 P.M.

## COMMISSION ON SUPPORTIVE PERSONNEL

Presider: Polly Wages, Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior  
College

Speaker: Dr. James J. Thompson, Chairman and Professor,  
Department of Education Media, University of South  
Alabama

Topic: "Nonverbal Communication"

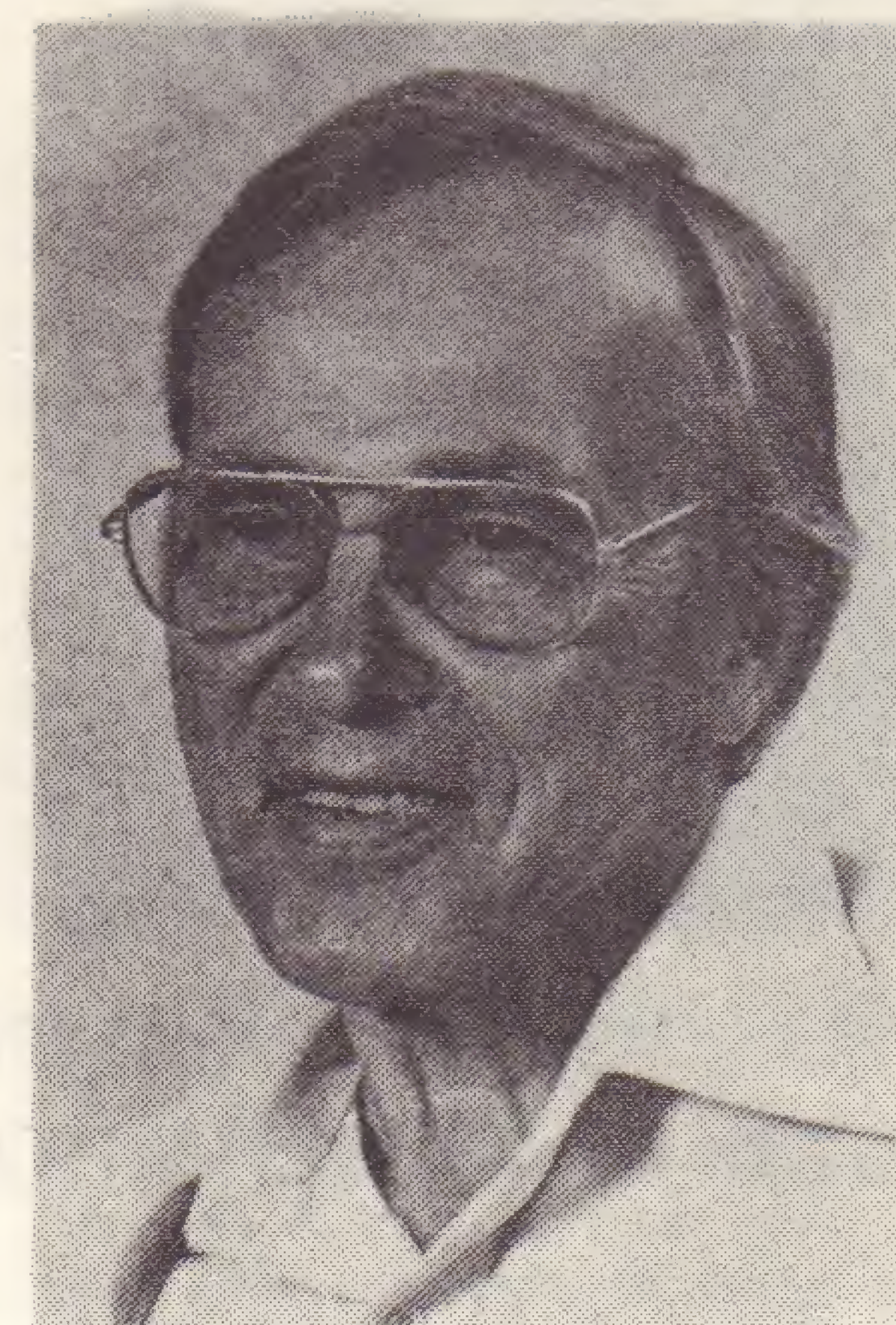
## Election of Commission Chairman and Vice-Chairman

3 P.M.-4 P.M.

## ELECTION OF INTEREST GROUPS CHAIRMEN

4 P.M.

## ADJOURNMENT



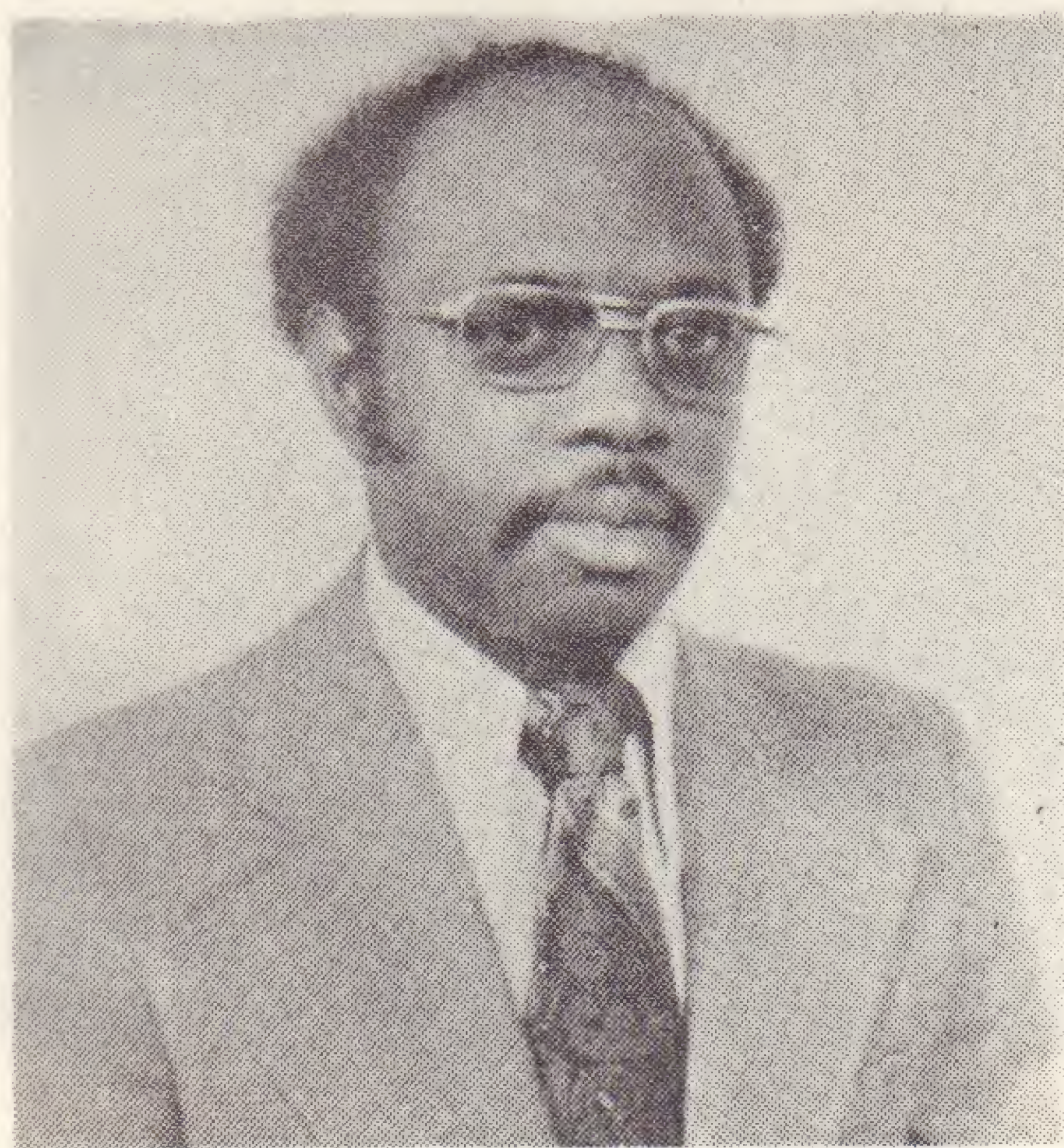
## COMBS KEYNOTES CONFERENCE

Dr. Arthur W. Combs, a consultant in education and psychology and a Distinguished Professor at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, will deliver the keynote address at the opening session of the 1979 AJCCA Conference, April 27 at 9:30 A.M. at Alabama Christian College.

Dr. Combs has served as a consultant to schools and colleges in every state and in five foreign countries. His primary interests lie in the application of humanistic-perceptual psychology to the educational problems of schools and colleges; research on the helping professions; and the implications of humanistic-perceptual thinking for the training and practice of teachers, counselors, supervisors, and administrators. He is the author of seventeen books and more than 130 articles. The best known of his books are Perceptual Psychology: A Humanistic Approach to the Study of Persons, The Professional Education of Teachers, Humanistic Teacher Education, Helping Relationships: Basic Concept for the Helping Professions, and Myths in Education.

The keynote speaker has served as a school psychologist, a professor of education and psychology at Syracuse University, and a professor of education at the University of Florida. In addition, he held the position of Director of the Center for Humanistic Education at the University of Florida.





**CHARLES BLACKLEDGE III - CHAIRPERSON  
COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION**

Charles H. Blackledge, III, Federal Affairs Officer at S. D. Bishop State Junior College, serves as Chairman of the Commission on Administration of the AJCCA. He came to Bishop State in October of 1974 after working with the Mobile Area Community Action Committee as Director of Projects and Deputy Director.

He received his elementary and secondary education in the public schools of Mobile County and graduated from Central High School in May of 1961. He attended Alabama State College (now Alabama State University - Montgomery) and received the Bachelor of Science Degree from that institution in June of 1965, with a major in History. He graduated from the University of South Alabama in June, 1977, with the Master of Arts Degree in History. His thesis was entitled Phases of Black Nationalism and Emigration to Haiti, 1860-1862.

Mr. Blackledge is married to Barbara Jean Warren, who teaches in the Mobile County Public School System. They have three children, Charles IV, Carlton, and Courtney.

Earlene von der Osten serves on the Executive Committee, representing the Commission on Students. She has been employed with Snead State Junior College in Boaz, Alabama, for seven years as Director of Veterans Affairs. She earned her Associate degree from Snead and is currently attending Jacksonville State University.

**EARLENE VON DER OSTEN  
VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
COMMISSION ON STUDENTS**



# COMMISSION REPORTS...

## SUPPORTIVE PERSONNEL

All support personnel from all junior colleges are encouraged to attend this year's AJCCA conference and participate in a unique session on communication conducted by Dr. James J. Thompson. Much planning has been done throughout the year, but the drastic effects of pro-ration have limited the Association to a one-day conference and our commission to one session.

Dr. Thompson was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and received his early education there. His B.A. degree was earned at Wagner College, New York, and his Master's at Columbia University. His Doctorate is from the University of Florida.

He has served on the faculties of the University of Florida, Indiana State University, and the University of South Alabama. Dr. Thompson's field of study is communication and educational technology. He is particularly interested in human communication. He has written two books: Instructional Communication (Van Nostrand, 1969) and Beyond Words (studies in nonverbal communication) published by Citation-Scholastic Press, 1973.



## FACULTY

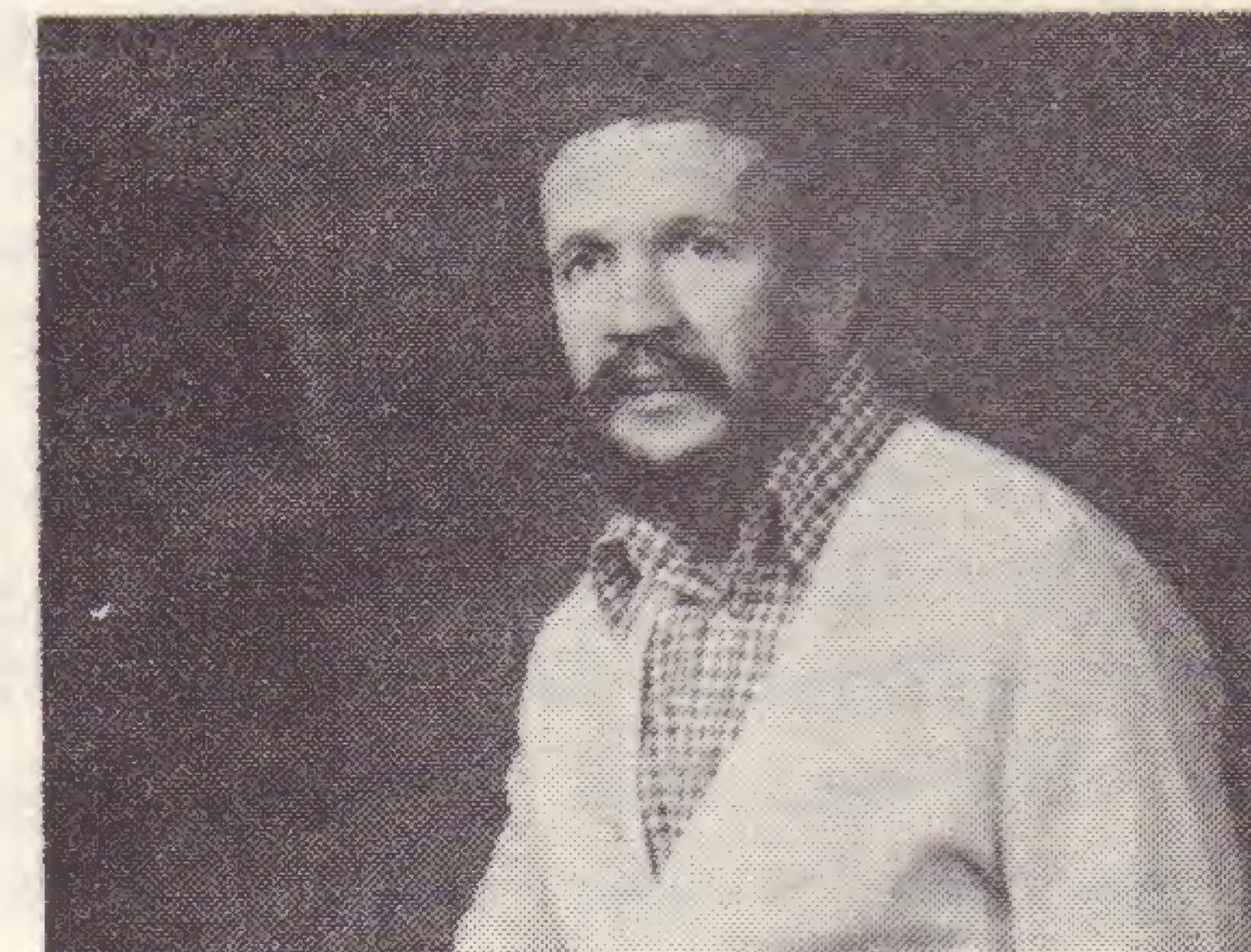
Dr. Paul Williams of El Cajon, California, has been scheduled to address the Commission on Faculty at the upcoming conference. Dr. Williams is the Vice-president/Dean of Instruction at Cuyamaca Community College. He is widely known for his ability to promote increased effectiveness in the art of instruction.

## ADMINISTRATION

The Commission on Administration has scheduled Dr. Erskine Murray, Assistant Superintendent for Post-secondary Education, for the afternoon session at the conference. Previously planned sessions and speakers have been cancelled, but this meeting should provide a profitable program and business session.

Dr. Murray, a native of Walker County, Alabama, earned a B.S. degree from Florence State University, an M.A. from Peabody College, and an Ed.D. from Auburn University. His professional experience includes classroom teaching and administrative positions at the secondary level and instruction, research, and administration at the postsecondary level. In addition, he has an impressive record of activities and memberships in professional associations in the field of education.

## STUDENTS



Deborah Beverly has informed us that those persons in Student Personnel attending the AJCCA Convention in April are in for a real treat. Dr. James Kern, whom you will recall from the 1977 AIPGA Convention, will be addressing the topic, "Upset, We Can Help."

Dr. James L. Kern, a very popular speaker in the area of student development, is a professor at Winona State University, Winona, Minnesota. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees at Winona State College and his doctorate at the University of Wyoming at Laramie, Wyoming. He has taught at levels ranging from elementary school through graduate school.

A great deal of planning has gone into this year's program. The AJCCA has developed into a strong and useful organization, but in order to continue in this direction we need your participation and input.



# NEW JUNIOR COLLEGE PRESIDENTS NAMED

Gary L. Branch, former Dean of Enrollment and Counseling Services at Troy State University, assumed office as president of Brewer State Junior College at Fayette on January 1. Branch, a native of Birmingham, is a graduate of the University of Alabama with a B.S. in political science and social studies and an M.A. in counseling. He is working on his doctorate. His background in education includes serving as Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor at Birmingham in 1967; Counselor to Men, University of Georgia, 1967-68; Director of Student Personnel Services, Thomas Area Technical School, Thomasville, Georgia, 1968-69; Dean of Men and Director of Student Activities, Housing and Campus Security, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Georgia, 1969-70; Assistant Director of Student Affairs, Floyd Junior College, Rome, Georgia, 1970-71; Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Troy State University, 1971-75; and Dean of Enrollment and Counseling Services, Troy State University, from November of 1975 until his appointment as Brewer State president. Branch is married to the former Janis Diana Miller of Birmingham and has two children.

Dr. George R. McCormick, former Dean of the Tuscaloosa branch of Brewer State Junior College, is the new president of Jefferson Davis State Junior College in Brewton. He is a native of Boaz and completed junior college studies at Snead and Gadsden State Junior College. He has a B.S. and an Ed.D. from Auburn University and his M.A. degree from the University of Alabama. His doctoral field was educational administration and junior college leadership. McCormick has been a mathematics teacher at Boaz High School and Gadsden High School; a part-time mathematics instructor at Gadsden State Junior College; a mathematics instructor and Director of Developmental Education, Brewer State Junior College, Fayette; and Dean of Administrative Affairs at Brewer State. He is married to the former Jane Moore of Anniston and they have a one-year-old son, Matthew.

Dr. Arthur W. Dennis is the new president of Gadsden State Junior College. A native of Chilton County, Dr. Dennis graduated from Verbena High School. He holds a B.S. degree from Howard College in Birmingham, an M.A. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers, and an Ed.D. with a major in educational administration. Dennis served as a classroom teacher/coach in the Talladega County School System; junior high and high school principal in the Troy City School System; Assistant Superintendent of the Lauderdale County School System; Superintendent of the Cullman City School System; and director of the Division of Administrative and Financial Services, State Department of Education. He is a life member of NEA and a member of the American and Alabama Association of School Administrators, Phi Delta Kappa, and the Alabama Council of School Administration and Supervision. Dr. Dennis has served on the Board of Directors, Appalachia Educational Laboratory and was chairman of the executive committee of the Southern States Work Conference, Daytona Beach, Florida. Dennis was awarded the F.F.A State Farmer Award; served as chairman of the Alabama State Textbook Committee, 1972-73; participated in a three-week educational tour of the Soviet Union, 1970; and has traveled extensively--18 foreign countries and territories. Dr. Dennis is married to the former Lucy Virginia Woodard of Munford, Alabama, and they have two daughters.



DEBORAH BEVERLY - CHAIRPERSON  
COMMISSION ON STUDENTS

Deborah Beverly, counselor at Gadsden State Junior College, Gadsden, Alabama, was elected Chairperson of the Commission on Students for the Alabama Junior and Community College Association.

She received her M.S. from Jacksonville State University, where she is continuing her studies. Deborah was elected State Delegate to the National Association of School Counselors for the 1975-76 year.

In addition to her regular counseling duties this fall, Deborah is working part-time as tutor coordinator for the Special Services Program.

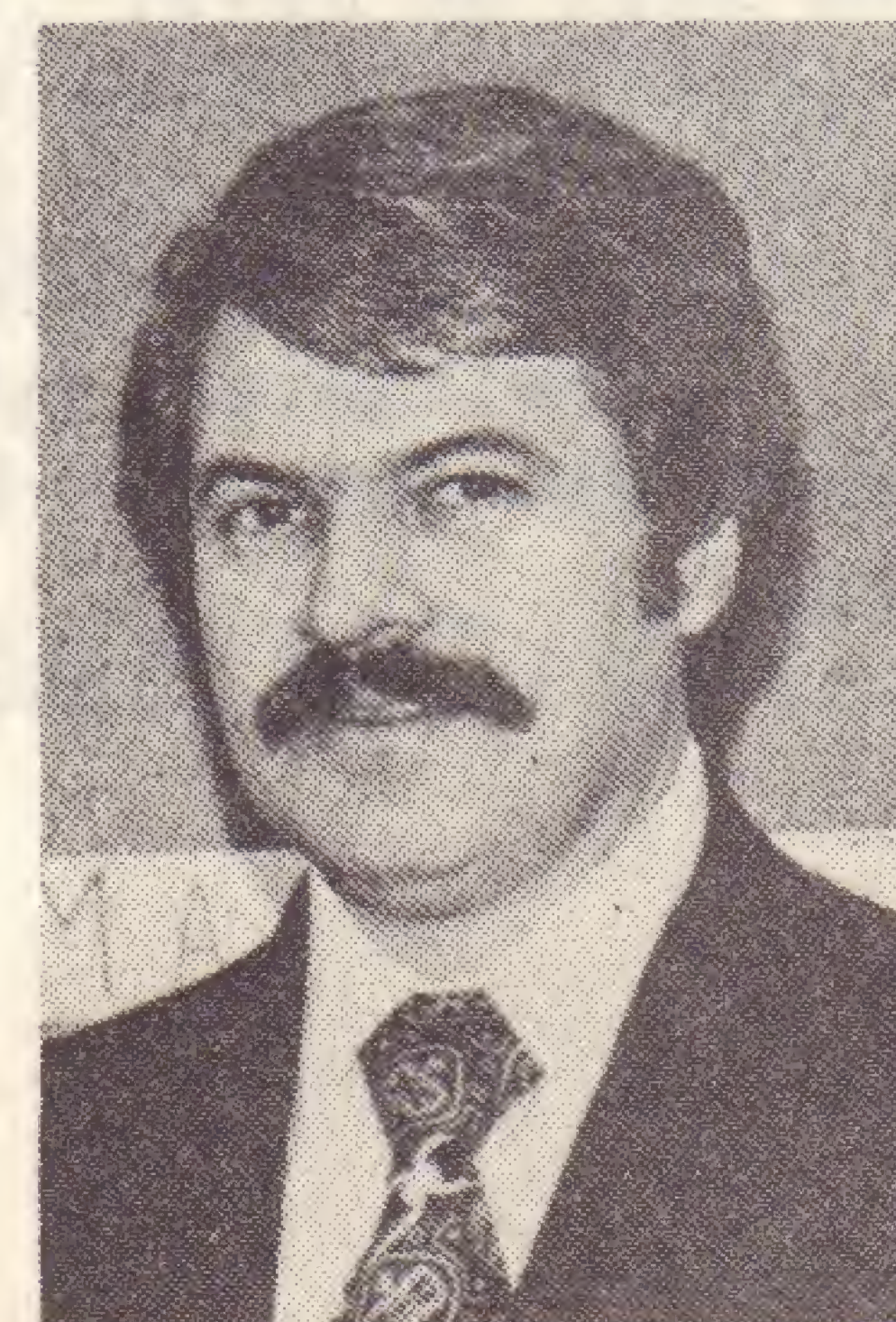
This past Summer Deborah enjoyed traveling in seven European countries. She is single and a native Alabamian. Her hobbies are traveling, collecting owls, reading, tennis, and walking.

Curtis Thomasson, Director of Counseling Services at Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College, is currently serving as Publications Editor for the Association. He has previously served on the Executive Committee as Chairman of the Commission on Students.

Curtis is a native of Andalusia, Alabama, and attended the University of Alabama, where he received his B.S., M.A., and Ed.S. degrees. He joined the faculty of LBW as a counselor in 1969, during its first of operation. Since that time he has participated in the activities of ALPGA where he is currently serving as President of District IX. In addition to his many campus and community interests, he serves as an officer in Civitan and the Covington Historical Society.

Curtis' wife, Marjorie, is a graduate of Harding College and works as a full-time homemaker. They have three children, Curt (7), Christy (5), and Clay (3).

CURTIS H. THOMASSON  
PUBLICATIONS EDITOR





## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For those persons coming to Montgomery on Thursday evening, April 26 for the AJCCA Conference, accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn East located on the Eastern Bypass at I-85, telephone number 272-0370.

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It is the desire of the Executive Committee to include retired junior and community college personnel in Association activities. The Newsletter has been mailed to retired personnel and the conference registration fee will be waived for them. Their only cost will be that of the luncheon (\$3.00) if they choose to attend. We hope to see many retired junior college people at the conference in Montgomery to renew old friendships and begin some anew.

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Lee Albritton, Shelton Community College, is serving as the 1978-79 chairman of the Science Faculty Interest Group. Kathleen Jones, Jefferson State, will serve as the 1979-80 chairman. Each year, this group elects a vice-chairman who moves up to serve as chairman the following year. Lee was elected vice-chairman at the 1978 convention, and by error Lee was contacted to serve as chairman for 1978-79. To avoid a change in this leadership position, Ms. Jones agreed to serve her tenure as chairman in 1979-80.

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Ms. Polly Fitchard of Lawson State has resigned as chairman of the Secretaries Interest Group. Ms. Myra Johnson has assumed the duties of chairman. Myra is from Lawson State and works in the Nursing Department.

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Dr. W. Byron Causey, president of Alexander City State Junior College, has been elected an alternate delegate to the White House Conference on Library and Information Services to be held in the Fall of 1979. From the 295 individuals attending the Alabama Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services in early January, 10 delegates and 4 alternates were selected for the White House Conference.

Congratulations to Dr. Causey!

## SUMMARY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Interest Group chairmen met with the Executive Committee on October 30, 1978, to plan the 1979 Convention program. Much spade work had already been done on program planning. The group agreed that all program plans would be finalized by December 1, 1978. Trish McLaney agreed to compile the information for the printed program. Expenditures for interest groups and commission sessions were approved. An attendance goal of 1,000 was established for the purpose of budget planning.

Ron Cordell reported on the 1978 Billboard Project, stating that one hundred billboards were printed at a cost of \$1,485. Population was taken into consideration in planning distribution. The continuation of this project was discussed, and it was the consensus of the group to postpone a decision on this matter until the January meeting of the Executive Committee. Mr. Cordell agreed to serve as chairman of a committee if the project is continued.

The treasurer, Gene Burton, reported that at the beginning of the 1978-79 Association year, the AJCCA had a balance of \$7,300.00. Institutions and affiliate members have been billed for 1978-79 dues. Mr. Burton is investigating the procedure for incorporating the Association and securing a tax exempt number.

Birmingham-Southern College was granted affiliate membership in the AJCCA. Other affiliate members are Athens State College, The Regional Technical Institute at UAB, and the University of Montevallo.

The Executive Committee met again on January 15. The treasurer reported that institutional dues were coming in. Some members expressed concern about attendance at the convention due to the talk about proration. It was agreed that the institutions should be surveyed regarding convention attendance. Mary Carpenter, Exhibits Chairman, reported that twenty exhibit spaces will be sold to generate an income of \$3,000.00. It was announced that Dr. Arthur Combs would deliver the keynote address. Changes/additions to the convention program were discussed.

Shirley Woodie agreed to develop job descriptions for the Interest Group chairmen and Commission chairmen and vice-chairmen so that prospective chairmen will know the duties of each position before elections are held. It was announced that a number of door prizes, including a portable black and white television set, a set of Corningware, a Seth Thomas clock, and a vacuum cleaner are already in the hands of Nell Mote, chairman for door prizes. The entertainment for the banquet will be a variety group from Alabama Christian College. Again this year, a disco dance and ballroom dancing have been planned for late night fun at the convention. As in 1978, the convention banquet will be served buffet in the Civic Center. Curtis Thomasson reported that the January/February issue of the newsletter would be off the press by February 8. The convention issue of the newsletter will be printed in mid-March. Ron Cordell presented several examples of billboard ideas. A design prepared by a staff member at Gadsden State was selected. Printing of one hundred will cost \$1,890. A final discussion on the project was postponed.



Mr. Burton reported that all details concerning incorporation of the association and a tax exempt number for the AJCCA would be worked out before the convention in April. It was reported that Les Sims and Sandra King represented the AJCCA at a meeting of the Committee to Evaluate the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Sandra King stated that she and Shirley Woodie, on January 9, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Governor George C. Wallace on behalf of the association.

The Executive Committee met on February 16 at Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College. Those present discussed the pros and cons of following through with plans for the 1979 AJCCA Convention. It was reported that Dr. Murray and many of the junior college presidents had been contacted about the effect proration of educational funds would have on attendance at the convention. After a lengthy discussion, cancellation of the two-day convention in Birmingham was proposed. Also in that proposal was the holding of a one-day drive-in conference in Montgomery, at Alabama Christian College on Friday, April 27, 1979. Members of the Executive Committee not present were contacted by phone for a voice vote on the proposal. The proposal passed with a majority vote.

Curtis Thomasson reported that the Jan/Feb issue of the AJCCA Newsletter was at the printer, but not printed. It was suggested that the Jan/Feb issue be revised to reflect changes in convention plans and published in March. The president was assigned the task of notifying Interest Groups Chairmen to cancel programs and making contact with the Hyatt House, Civic Center, and others to cancel the 1979 Convention.

# FACULTY COMMISSION

Dr. E. Paul Williams

Vice-pres./Dean of Instruction  
Cuyamaca College

"Community Colleges  
at the Crossroads"



## alabama junior and community college association

1979 CONFERENCE  
April 27, 1979  
Alabama Christian College/Montgomery  
Pre-Registration Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTION \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK YOUR INTEREST GROUP:

### ADMINISTRATORS

- ☐ Presidents
- ☐ Federal Programs/Institutional Research
- ☐ Academic Officers
- ☐ Financial Officers
- ☐ Bookstore Managers
- ☐ Directors of Physical Plant
- ☐ Community & Public Relations
- ☐ Deans of Student Affairs
- ☐ Community Services

☐ RETIRED PERSONNEL  
(Check here)

### FACULTY

- ☐ Business
- ☐ Health Careers
- ☐ Career Education
- ☐ Art
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- ☐ Speech/Theater
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- ☐ Mathematics
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Social and Behavioral Sciences
- ☐ Physical Education

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- ☐ Administrators
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- ☐ Financial Aid
- ☐ Officers
- ☐ Counselors
- ☐ Veterans Affairs
- ☐ Coordinators

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- ☐ Secretaries/Clerks
- ☐ Computer Operations
- ☐ Nurses
- ☐ Security
- ☐ Service/Maintenance

I fully understand that this form is for the AJCCA Conference pre-registration and luncheon reservations only. I have included a check made payable to AJCCA in the amount of \$5.00 to cover the costs. Pre-registration is not complete unless you enclose the correct amount of money!!

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Lloyd Henderson, Lurleen B. Wallace St. Jr. College, P. O. Box 1418, Andalusia, AL 36420

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: APRIL 9, 1979



# GRANT YIELDS SOLAR HEATING SYSTEM AT JEFF STATE

Jefferson State Junior College, located in Birmingham, has begun operation of its new Agricultural Science Center. Funded by a National Science Foundation Grant, C.A.U.S.E., the Agricultural Science Center serves as a model for developments of agricultural teaching facilities and programs for junior colleges throughout the Southeast. The Agricultural Center provides facilities for both the Animal Science and Ornamental Horticulture programs in the department of Career Education. Unique features of the center include a complete, indoor animal-science holding area where students can receive instruction in all major types of livestock management and animal health. This area of the center has been especially developed to help students get "hands on" experience in proper animal care procedures. The ornamental horticulture area of the facility includes two automatic greenhouses, a soil holding area, a lathe house, a hot bed and cold frames, and a head house (which also is used as a classroom). These facilities will aid in developing the horticulture education trust at Jefferson State to parallel actual work situations that students will face in the industry. Located in the Harold C. Martin Career Education Complex, the facility contains about 8,000 square feet of teaching area. The facility is entirely solar heated and promises to be one of the most significant agricultural teaching facilities in the Birmingham area. The center is open to inspection daily during regular school hours and welcomes visitors and educators from throughout the Southeast. The Agricultural Science Center is another part of Jefferson State Junior College's commitment to providing sound, basic agricultural education to the community and to the State of Alabama. For more information on the center, contact Dr. Pat Wallace (853-1200) at Jefferson State.

"It really works! Come on over and get warm."

That was the gist of a phone call by Jack Freeman, Director of Physical Plant, to Dr. L. M. Sims, Dean of Business Affairs, at Jefferson State on the occasion of the first cold days of the season recently. A solar heating system was installed in the new agricultural science center built entirely by Freeman and college maintenance crews with funds from a National Science Foundation Grant.

Jack had indeed succeeded with the do-it-yourself solar heating project that he engineered from information he had pieced together from reading everything he could get his hands on. "I took notes at meetings dealing with solar heat and ploughed through stacks of literature," said Freeman.

One row of solar panels is currently holding water temperature sufficiently high to supply the agri-science center's hot water as well as to office spaces. Three rows of panels are planned for the project when funds become available.

The solar panels, consisting of 24 panels of copper plates covered with copper tubing and plexiglass, when completed will also heat the center's animal holding area, the "head house" used by horticulture students for plant work, and the restrooms. The two adjoining greenhouses will not be solar heated because they are, by their very nature, not insulated and this would simply misuse solar heat, Freeman said.

The present eight panels that make up the single row on the roof are producing some 30,000 BTU's of heat per hour. By the time that the total project is finished, the cost will be about \$8,000, which Freeman predicts the college will recover in about three years through money saved in energy costs.





## AJCCA CANDIDATES

*The Nominating Committee has nominated two candidates for each of the two elected positions, Vice-president/President-elect and Treasurer. The Nominating Committee consists of Dr. E. R. Brannan, Chairman, Alabama Christian College; Shearlene Harris, Jefferson State Junior College; Glenda Clark, Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College; John Ludwig, Faulkner State Junior College; and Jim King, Calhoun State Community College.*

### JOANNE S. JORDAN

#### VICE-PRES./PRESIDENT-ELECT



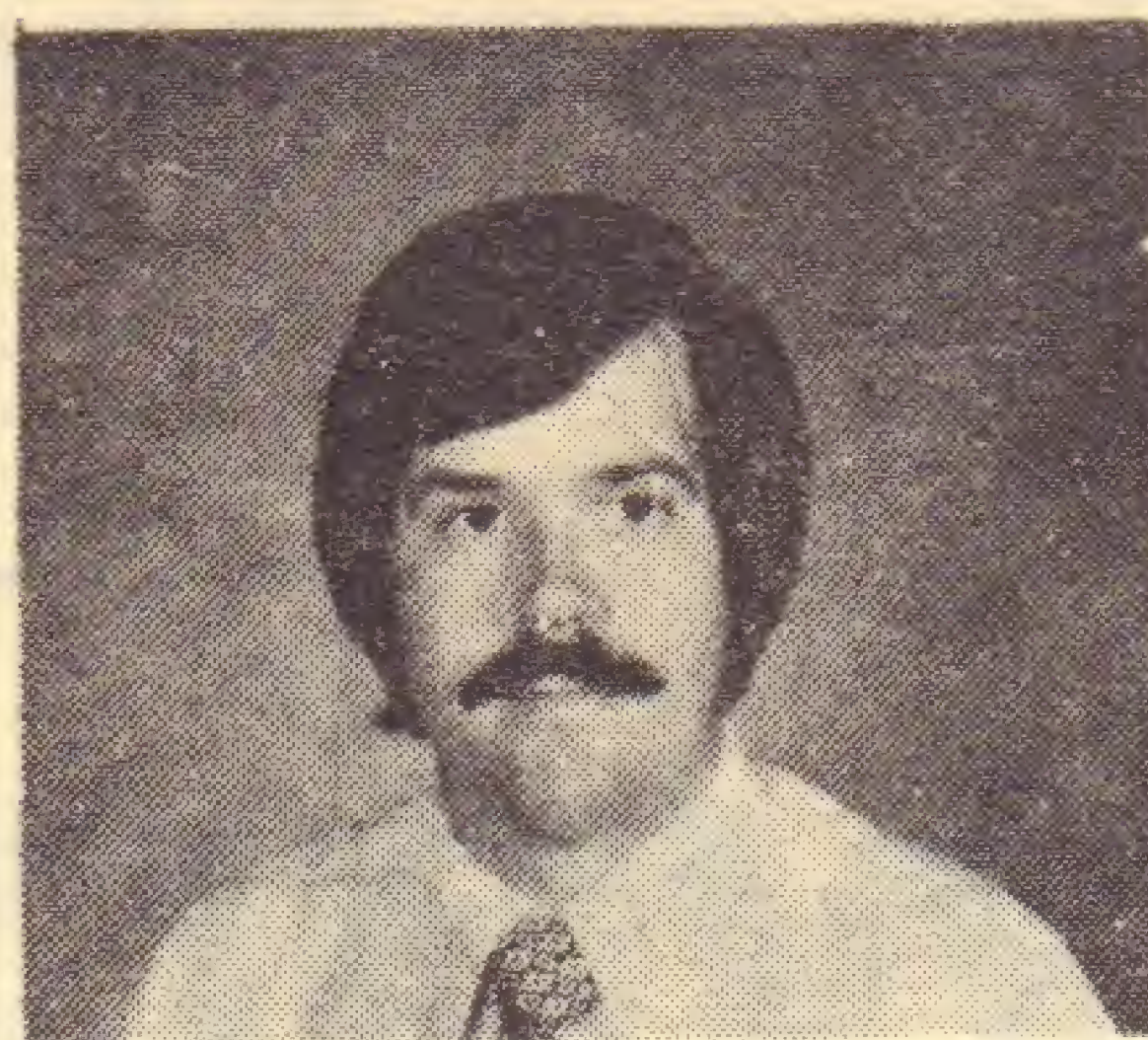
Joanne S. Jordan is Director of the Extended Day Program at Southern Union State Junior College. She received a B.S. degree in general science and home economics and an M.S. in curriculum and teaching from Jacksonville State University. She received an Ed.D. in curriculum and teaching from Auburn University.

Joanne's previous professional experience includes teaching biology and general science at the high school level and serving as chairman of the science department and biology instructor at Southern Union. During this time she sponsored the campus Environmental Study Club and coordinated the college's self-study for accreditation.

Joanne holds memberships in a number of professional associations and activities. Among these are leadership roles in the Alabama Association for Continuing Education & Services. She was a participant in Auburn University's First Junior College Leadership Development Program and Junior College In-Service Leadership Program. She has served as a reader for USOE projects, Washington, D.C., and as a member of an accreditation team for the Alabama Private School Association.

### JAMES E. PRITCHETT

#### VICE-PRES./PRESIDENT-ELECT



Jim Pritchett received a B.S. degree in secondary education and an M.S. degree in Educational Media from Auburn University. He is currently employed as Director of Media Services at George C. Wallace State Community College, Dothan. Pritchett is a past president of the Alabama Junior College Library/Learning Resources Association and the George C. Wallace Community College Educational Association. He served on the AJCCA Executive Board for 1976-77 and the Executive Board of the Alabama Library Association, Junior Members Roundtable in 1976. He is currently a member of the Executive Board, Post-secondary Division of the Alabama Education Association and the State Board of Education Post-secondary Policy Advisory Committee.

### BILLIE MAY

#### TREASURER



Billie May, a native of Fayette, is an accounting instructor at Calhoun State Community College. She holds a B.S. degree from Livingston and an M.A. degree from George Peabody College. Billie has taught at Athens College and with the Manpower Training Act Program. Owning a shoe store and several greenhouses, she is also involved in retail sales. In addition, she has extensive real estate holdings. Billie is active in a number of professional associations, including the Alabama Accounting Association. She and her husband, a distributive education teacher at Huntsville High School, have two daughters.

### HAROLD ROUSE

#### TREASURER



Harold Rouse is Chairman of the Business Division of Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College and is a native of Saucier, Mississippi. He attended Perkinston Junior College in Perkinston, Mississippi, received the B.S. degree in Business Administration from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and the M.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. His major courses included accounting, management, and marketing. Rouse held the positions of Business Instructor and Dean of the Evening College at the Jackson County Campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College. He has worked for IBM Corporation as an accountant and served as State Executive Director of the Mississippi Association of Retarded Children, and as a teacher in the Gulfport, Mississippi, School System. Harold is active in the Alabama Association of Higher Education in Business, the Alabama Accounting Educators Association, the American Accounting Association, the Methodist Church, and the Red Level PTA and Quarterback Club. His outside interests include house construction, farming, and playing pingpong.

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